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The primary object in compiling this work was not to accumulate historical data, but rather to present in a form convenient for use and reference by architects and those interested in architecture, some typical examples of the better class of domestic edifices, which were erected mainly during the latter half of the eighteenth century.

In presenting here examples of domestic buildings exclusively, we hope we have produced a work of more practical value, to the profession in general, than if we had included public buildings and churches. An attempt to represent this latter material would necessarily render a work of this volume less useful, in that it would fail to cover the ground satisfactorily on any one subject, especially as our researches have been confined to New England.

Professionally, the term Colonial Architecture is generally understood to include all the architectural efforts of the original colonial districts prior to the period of Greek affectation, which manifested itself during the first quarter of the present century.

The buildings erected in the seventeenth century, by the English colonists, were necessarily crude, and, owing to the limited facilities, lacked any attempt at refinement in the way of elaborate detail. This might be called the Colonial Period.

The second period, which was ushered in about the beginning of the eighteenth century, the commencement of an era of provincial prosperity, and terminated with the Revolution, could consistently be called the Provincial Period. The buildings of this era were more elaborate and refined than their predecessors. The growing wealth of the seaboard towns, together with the increased facilities for obtaining implements and materials, gave their builders the opportunity of applying the Free Classic details and motives of the Queen Anne and Georgian reigns in England to their own local efforts. The gambrel-roofed house attained its highest point of development about the middle of this period, when the so called hip-roofed style began to supersede it.

The Federal Period would date from the birth of the nation to the commencement of the mania for Greek art in the early part of this century. The dwellings of this era, erected not later than 1800, together with those of the latter part of the preceding period, comprised the best types of domestic architecture. Those grand old mansions, flanked with great pilasters or quoins, crowned with cornices of well-proportioned members, often richly carved, and elaborated with magnificent frontices opening into hospitable halls, with broad staircases of carved balusters and twisted newels, raised panelled dadoes and delicate cornices, enriched with dentils and modillions, were products of these periods. Several of these specimens are still occupied by the descendants of the original families in Portsmouth, Kittery, Newburyport, Salem, and Marblehead.

The growing appreciation of the æsthetic principles employed in the erection of these buildings leads us to hope that the publication of these plates may be the means of stimulating closer study in their adaptation to modern domestic work.

The authors take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks for the many valuable suggestions they have received from the profession, and the numerous courtesies and kind assistance tendered them while selecting these examples.

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6. Entrance porch, Tucker House, SALEM, MASS., built 1808.
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8. Portico details: (right) Rumford House; (left) "King" Hooper House. (See plate 24.)
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20. Detail of newel-post, Ladd House.
21. Staircase, Ladd House.
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24. "King" Hooper House, DANVERS, MASS., built 1754.

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37. Johonnot House, SALEM, MASS., built 1780.
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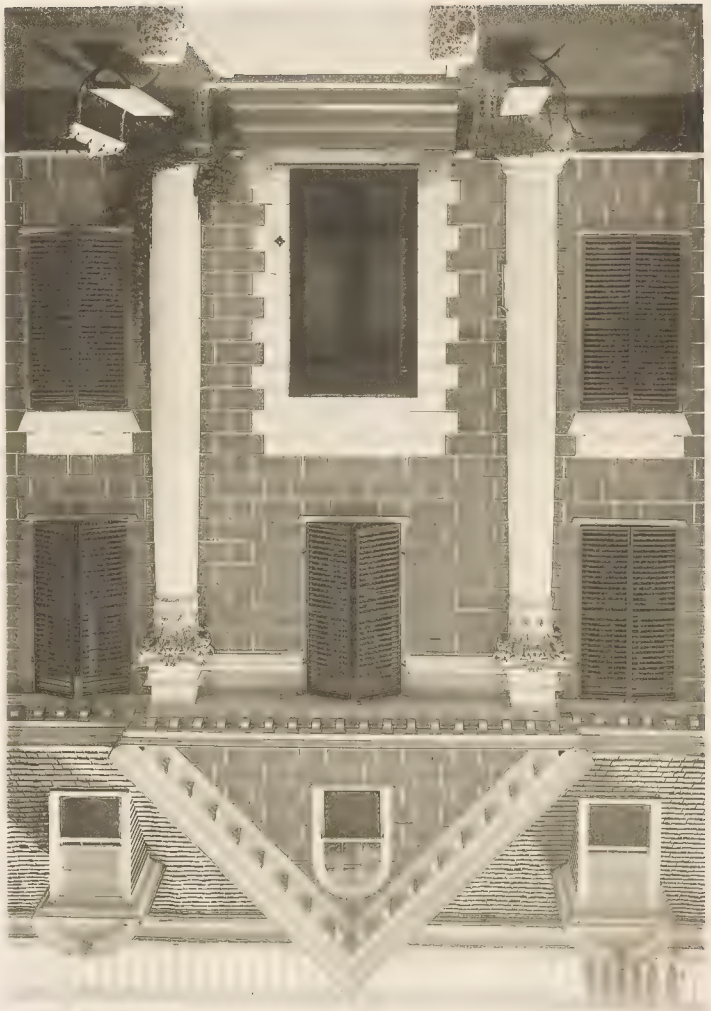
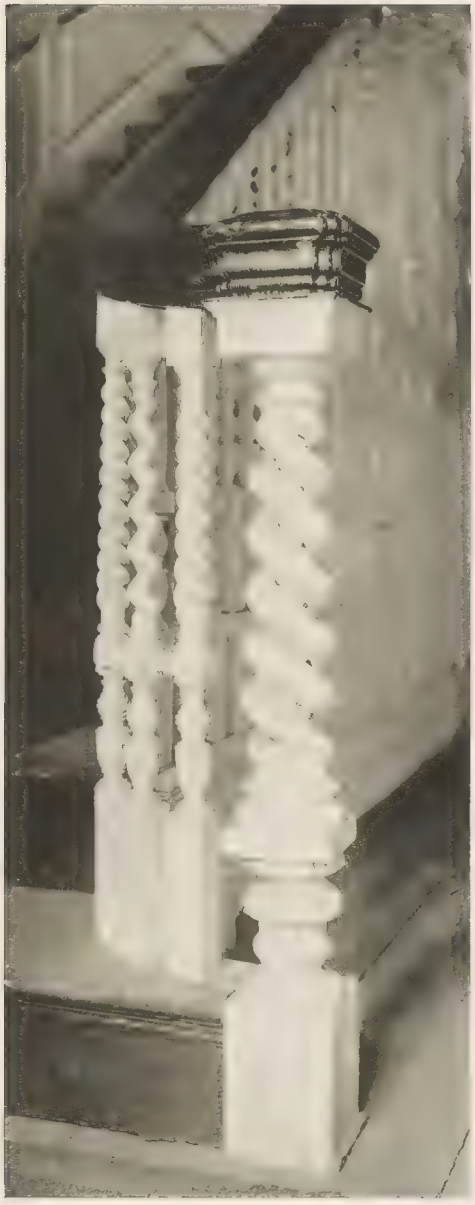
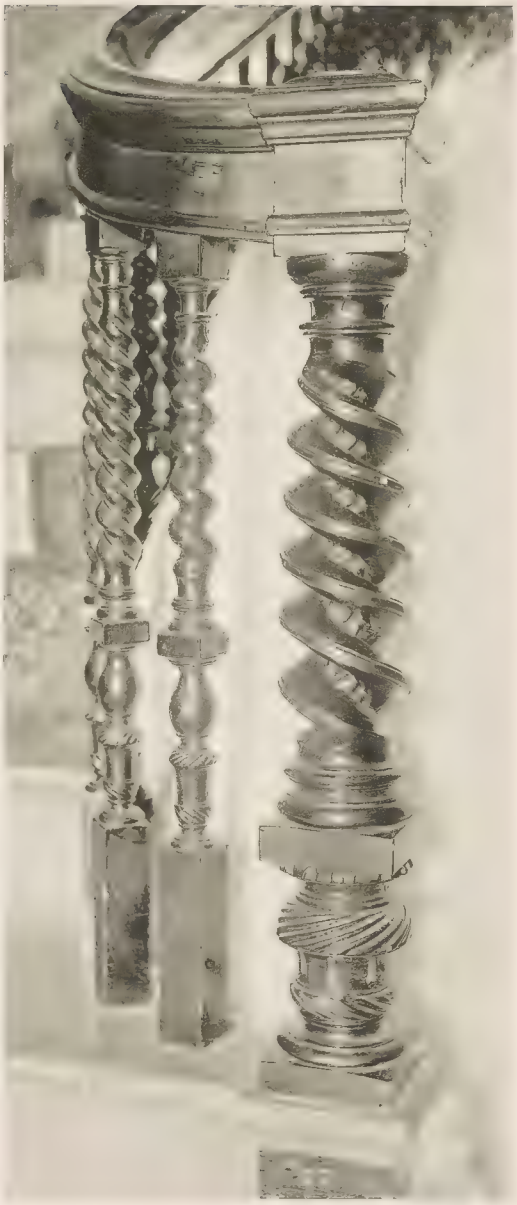
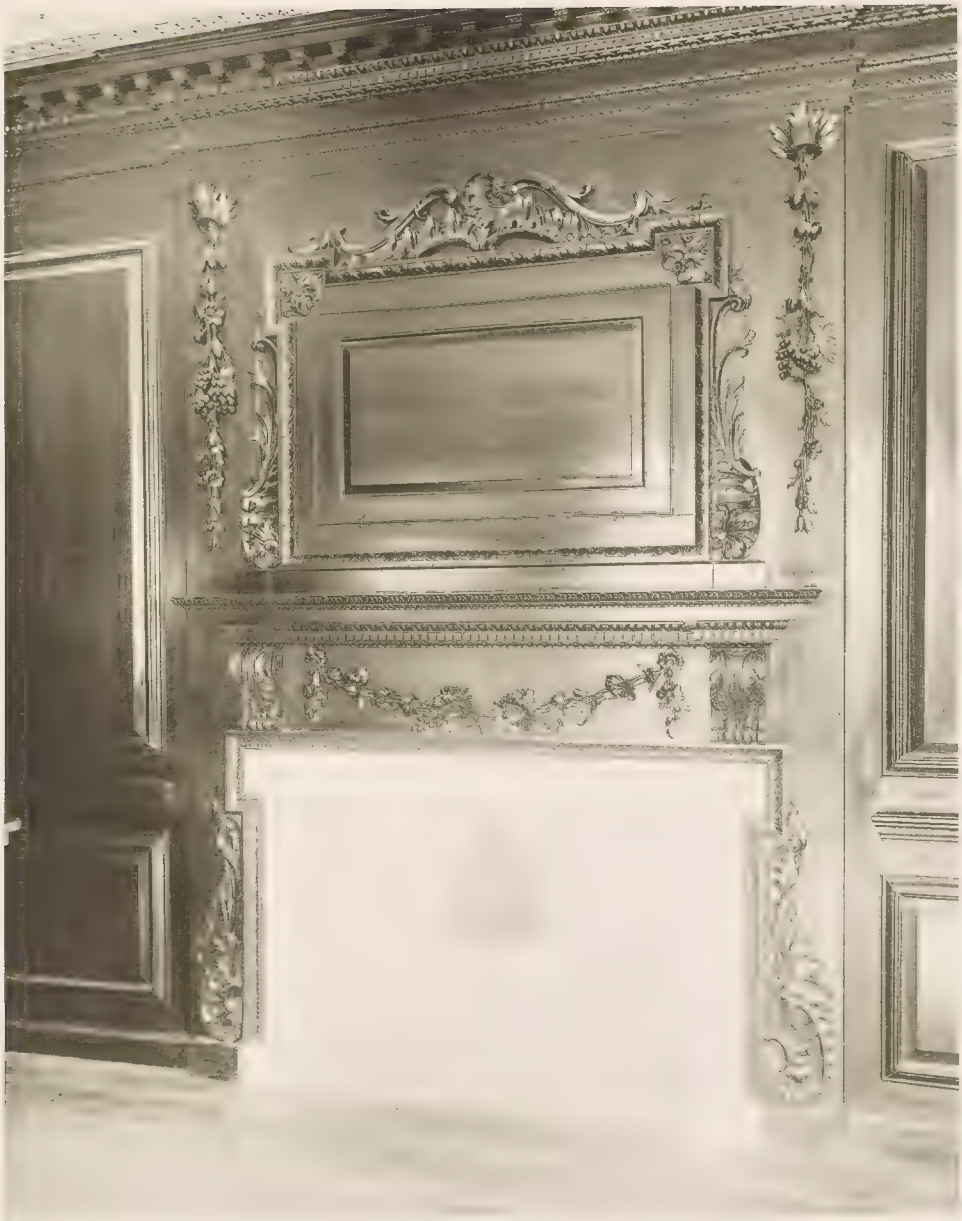
48. Baldwin House, SALEM, MASS., built 1800.
49. Mantel, Forrester House, SALEM, MASS., built about 1780.
50. Otis House, BOSTON, MASS., built about the beginning of this century.









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